

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve November 9, 2011 minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. NineStar should be reporting soon on their progress.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SCDC has submitted a bill for annual dues for \$3500 which will be due in January and also supplied the Town office with minutes from their recent meetings. The Town is not sure whether we would like to renew membership until talking further with Dan Theobald.
- B. \$1244.94 bill for a new desk and have it installed the beginning of January for the Clerk Treasurer's office. This will split between the General, Water, and Sewer Funds. Council member Benefiel moved to approve purchase. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. IACT Boot camp January 9th, 10th and 11th. Don Roberts is already registered and recommends it would be beneficial to Council members. Council member Benefiel moved for Council and Clerk Treasurer to attend. President Henderson 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. There are enough postcard bills to use for one more billing cycles but Don Roberts would like to switch to letter bills to prepare for if Privacy Laws were to change soon and eliminate lost cards in US Mail. A letter folding/ inserting machine could be helpful and can be purchased from Office Shop for \$4790. A similar machine elsewhere costs around \$10,000. Council member Benefiel moved to purchase machine from Office Shop. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- E. Don Roberts asked if it would be possible to have the Organizational Meeting for 2012 on January 3rd so it can be held before all other meetings scheduled for January. Council is fine with this.
- F. Don Roberts would like the Salary Ordinance to be discussed and voted on by the last meeting in December if possible. Would the Council be interested in increasing the salary of elected officials and there are a few other items to look at concerning the Salary Ordinance.
- G. Mary Adkins from Wessler Engineering reported the first meeting for the Well Head Protection Plan was held in November plan needs to be ready for submitting by December 29, 2013. Notification letters will be sent to residents and businesses that will be affected by this plan. The letter will need to have a person from the Town to sign letters and who can also be a contact to list on the letter for any citizen who may have questions.

- H. It will be looked into if the County will work with the Town to repair damage done by the County to the Town's Railroad crossing paint job on the pavement on Asbury Road Also the water ditch problem at the Park will be addressed with the County.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

- A. A bill for website management was submitted for \$2050. The Council wants to know if NineStar has any options for the Town concerning this before the Council renews website contract with current company.
- B. IACT membership fee is due for \$1108. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. A bill was submitted from the County for the Town's portion of election cost. The amount due is \$827.94. Council member Benefiel moved to pay. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. A bill from Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim was submitted for Planning Commission for \$1479.92. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- E. Bill from Umbaugh was submitted for Annexation for \$3200. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment upon comparing this bill with the last bill. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

V. LEGAL

- A. Town Attorney Messer spoke with Diane Terry's attorney this morning concerning demolition of building located at 438 W Main St. They are in the process of planning to take down the building in pieces by process of burning over a ten day period which would be done by a professional who is licensed and bonded. This plan will be taken back to the Planning Commission.
- B. The first process of Annexation will be to draft a Resolution and adopt it.
- C. Council member Benefiel moved to open the Hearing for Annexation Phase III Ordinance 4-2011. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. This allows the Town to add the tax base to businesses that the Town already provides utility services to. There will be no additional expense to the Town to annex these properties. Council member Benefiel moved to close Hearing. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. Ordinance 5-2011 that will rezone four parcels of property from Planned Unit Development to General Business. Council member Benefiel to open hearing. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. No questions or comments. Council member Benefiel moved to close hearing. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve Ordinance 5-2011. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- A. The video system has been installed in Henry's patrol car and is working well.
- B. Officer Tritipo reported a request has been made to hold a women's defense class. It would be \$125 for a four hour class to have an instructor come with a limit of 12 students. A pepper spray class would be \$60 per person. There are several women interested in the defense classes. After discussion if Town would contribute to cost of classes Council member Benefiel stated he would like to see how interested the students were by them paying their own cost of class. Officer

Trittipo can put the classes on website but not list Town of Morristown as sponsor.

- C. Marshall Albrecht is looking at retiring from the Morristown Fire Department and wanted to notify the Town. Also wanted to know if Town would provide liability as EMS responder as there are times when Fire Department does not always have EMS person available during daytime hours.
- VII. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS
 - A. No report.
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Don Roberts and Mike Freeman will need access on January 1st to the Town building security system.
 - B. Mike wanted to know if a swear in ceremony will be held at the Town. It can be done here at the Town.
 - C. The Council wanted to state the Town has no problem helping residents by running a sewer jet to clean a line but will not go inside their homes. Clean out must be provided at outside of home.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

Ralph Henderson
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer